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1. FIRST TRAIN LOAD OF COTTON BALES ARRIVED UTEXCO MILL 13. MILL LABOR FORCE WAS CALLED BACK TO WORK OCTOBER 11. REFTEL A OUTLINES MILL CLOSING BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE COTTON FIBER STOCKS. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR UTEXCO MILL TO UTILIZE US COTTON UNTIL SUPPLY EXHAUSTED. MILL DIRECTOR STATED THIS WOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 3 MONTHS OR ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OF 4 MONTHS. DIRECTOR STATED MILL WOULD AGAIN BE FACED WITH CLOSURE BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE SUPPLIES TO JUSTIFY MILL OPERATION. HE THEN REQUESTED ADDITIONAL COTTON UNDER PL-480. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN PERSONAL REQUESTS FROM DIRECTORS OF TEXTILE MILLS IN LUBUMBASHI AND KALEMIE FOR COTTON UNDER PL-480 PROGRAM. ALL 3 MILL DIRECTORS EXPLAINED TO AG ATTACHE HOW NATIONAL TEXTILE OFFICE CANNOT SUPPLY FIBER TO TEXTILE MELLs. REFTEL B, PAGE 3 COVERS DETAILED ILLUSTRATIONS HOW TEXTILE MILL ORDERS TO GINS FOR COTTON FIBER TEND TO GO UNFILLED.

2. ATTACHE POINTED OUT TO MANAGEMENT UTEXCO THAT GOZ OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR FY77 WAS FOR 3000 METRIC TONS COTTON. MILL DIRECTOR
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IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED QUOTE YES, THAT WAS OUR MILLS MINIMUM NEED

END QUOTE. IF THIS IS TRUE, NATIONAL TEXTILE OFFICE HAS MADE THEIR OFFICIAL REQUEST ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT UTEXCO (KINSHASA) MILL WILL OPERATE WITH PL-480 IMPORTS AND DOMESTIC COTTON WILL BE USED TO SUPPLY INTERIOR MILLS. HOWEVER, FOR NUMEROUS REASONS (STATE OF ROADS, CRITICAL FUEL SHORTAGE IN THE INTERIOR, LACK OF SPARE PARTS, INADEQUATE COTTON SEED FOR PLANTING, NO FERTILIZER, NO INSECTICIDES, AND GENERAL MISMANAGEMENT) WE ARE REASONABLY SURE DOMESTIC COTTON SUPPLY WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INTERIOR MILLS. IN REFTEL C EMBASSY REPORTED OFFICIAL GOZ REQUEST FOR 3000 METRIC TONS COTTON AND POINTED OUT THAT OUR EVALUATION THERE IS A MINIMUM NEED FOR 6000 METRIC TONS. THIS IS STILL OUR QUOTE CONSERVATIVE END QUOTE PROJECTION.

3. WE FEEL THE ABOVE REINFORCES NEED FOR 6,000 METRIC TONS COTTON REQUESTED IN REFS D AND E. MISSION AGAIN REQUESTS WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO PROPOSED FY '77 PL 480 PROGRAM. WE STRESS NEED FOR EARLY PROGRAMMING OF COTTON AND TOBACCO. CUTLER

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